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SUBJECT: BRITISH ARMS FOR EGYPT

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1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR ASHRAF MARWAN, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN
OF TEMPORARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ARAB MILITARY INDUSTRIES
AUTHORITY,

HAS DENIED IN STATEMENT TO LEBANESE NEWSPAPER AL-ANWAR THAT ARMS
DEAL WORTH 450 MILLION POUNDS STERLING HAS BEEN CONCLUDED WITH
BRITAIN. HE ADDED THAT OFFERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED OVER PAST SEVERAL
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MONTHS FROM BRITISH MILITARY INDUSTRIAL FIRMS, BUT NO DECISION ON

THEM HAS BEEN TAKEN.

2. COMMENT: MARWAN'S DENIAL FOLLOWS SIMILAR ONE ISSUED BY UAE
AMBASSADOR JUNE 16 (REFTEL). ALTHOUGH BOTH DENY THAT DEAL
WITH BRITAIN HAS ACTUALLY BEEN CONCLUDED, NEITHER SPECIFI-
CALLY DENIES THAT AGREEMENT "HAS BEEN REACHED IN PRINCIPLE"
FOR PURCHASE OF ARMS, AS ANNOUNCED JUNE 13 IN LONDON AT
CONCLUSION OF DEP PM FONMIN FAHMY'S VISIT THERE.
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